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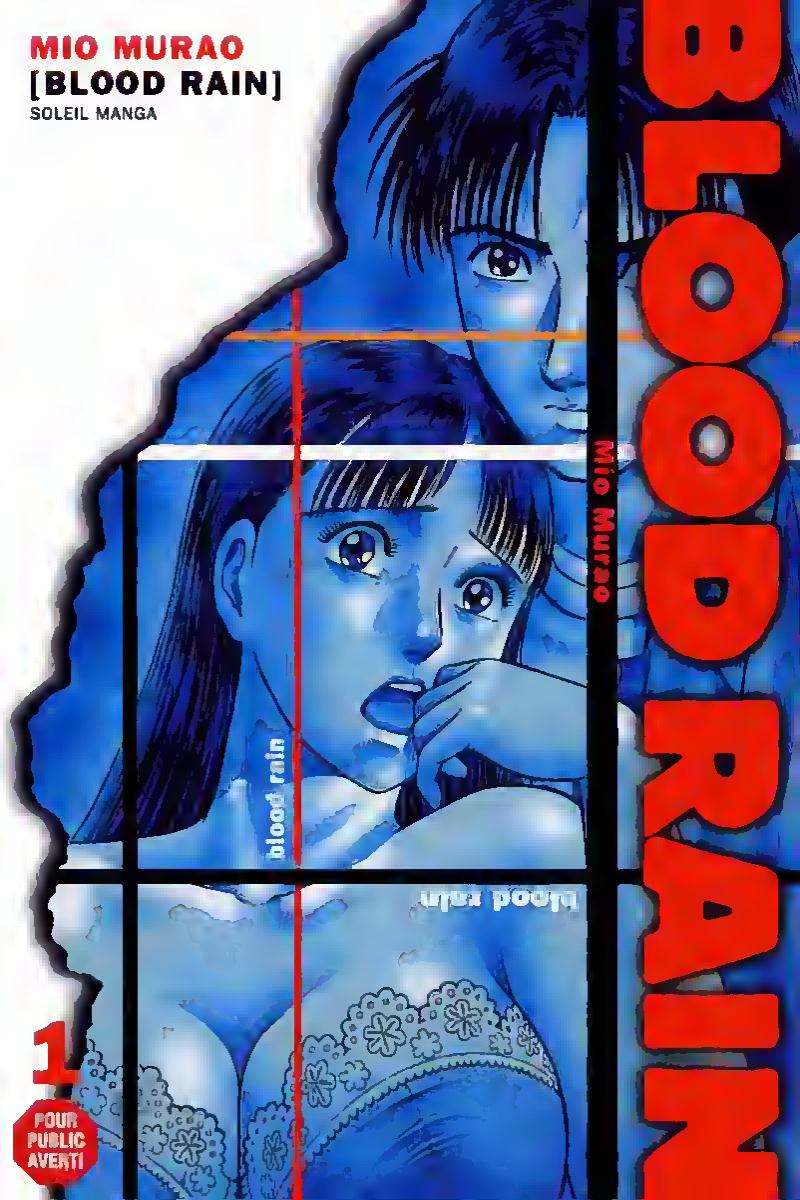

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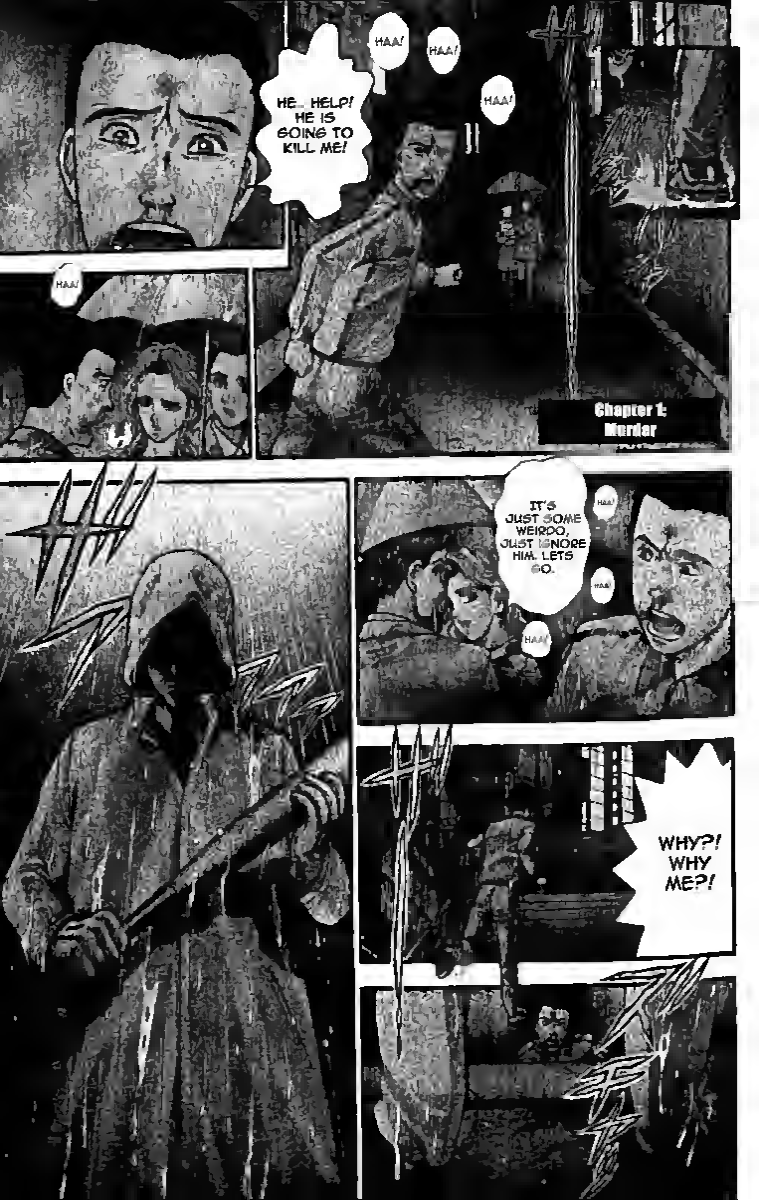
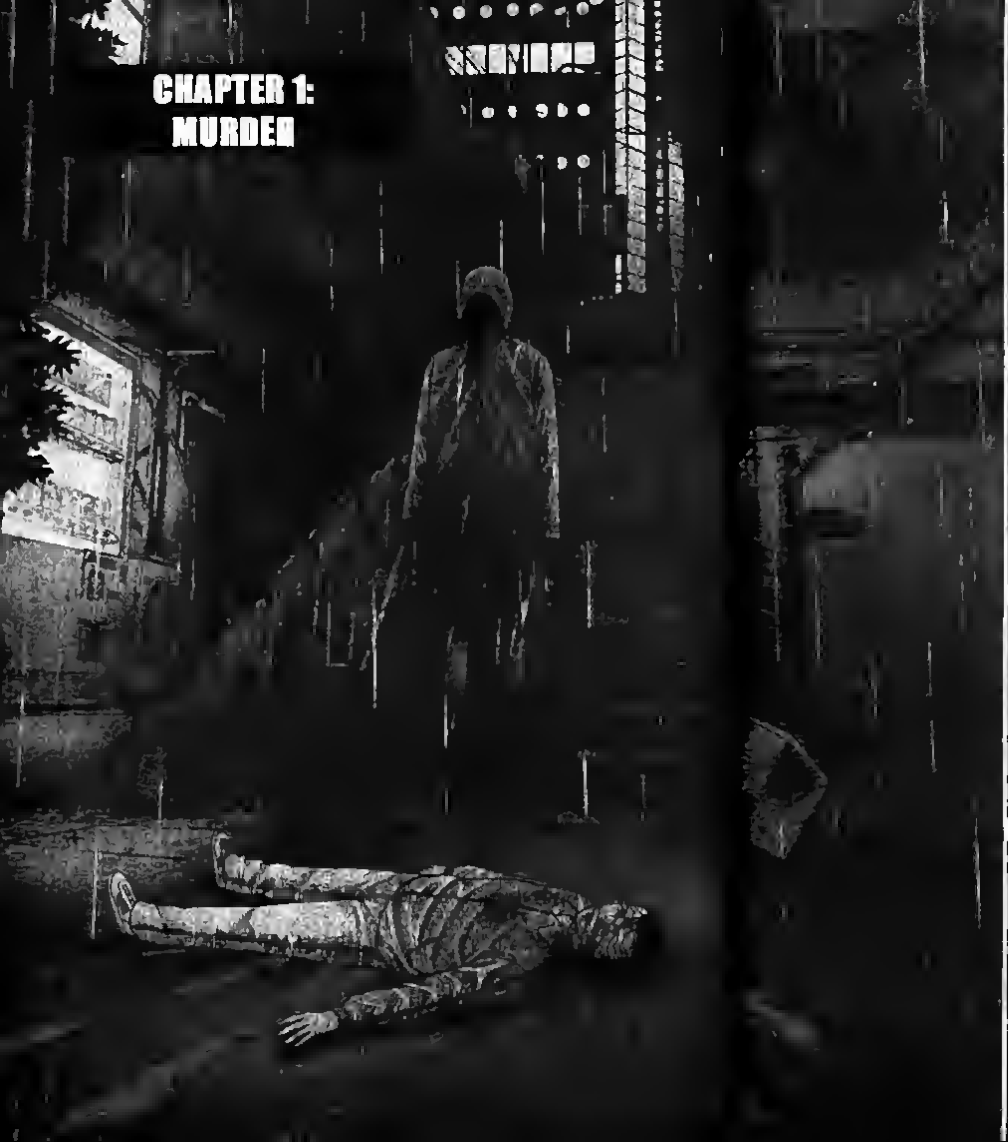

HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HE.. HELP! HE IS GOING TO KILL ME!
HAA!
Chapter 1: Murder
IT'S JUST SOME WEIRDO. JUST IGNORE HIM. LETS GO.
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
WHY?! WHY ME?!


CHAPTER 1:
MURDER

WHO ARE YOU ?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?!
GYAAAH!!
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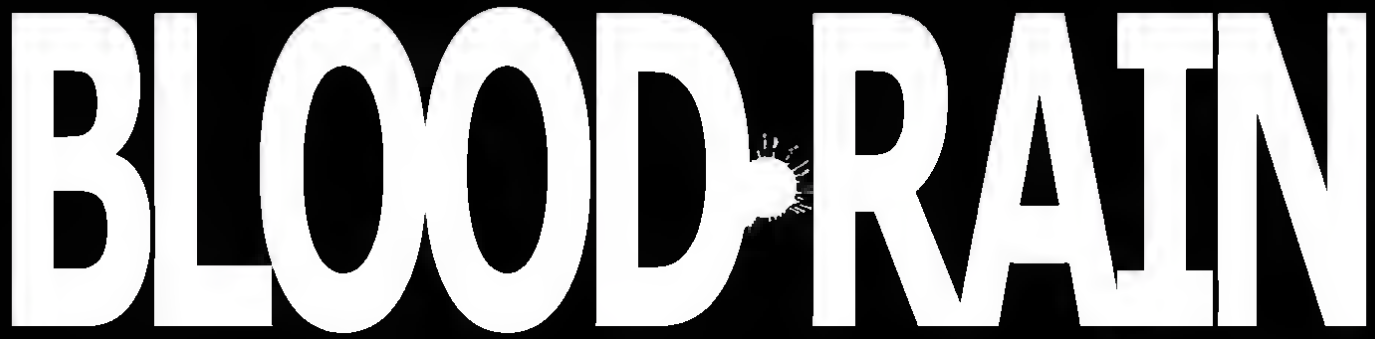
BLOOD RAIN

?!
TCHILP
HMM
KYAAAH!!
ぱっ
CRIC
CRIC
SWIP

GET UP, IT IS ALREADY 8 O'CLOCK
RINKO ! YOU IDIOT, YOU REALLY FRIGHTENED ME!
HI HI!
LEAVE THE CURTAINS CLOSED! SOMEONE MIGHT TAKE THIS AS A CHANCE TO PEEK AT US!
GOOD, LET THEM GET AN EYEFUL OF YOUR GOD LIKE BODY
AIHARA KUMI, 21 YEARS OLD I'VE JUST DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE THIS SPRING SO THAT I COULD ENTER A COMPANY
KYAAH! I'M GOING TO BE LATE!
おはよ
HOW DO YOU WANT TO ENJOY LIFE IF YOU FLIP OUT IN FRONT OF THESE DERANGED PEOPLE!
MY ROOMMATE, KAWASHIMA RINKO, SHE IS 21 YEARS OLD AS WELL AND SHE IS A STUDENT AT SEITO UNIVERSITY.
WHAT?! SCREW THE PERVERTS AND PEEPERS
DON'T BE SO STUPID

AS I WAS A BIT AFRAID OF LIVING ALL ALONE IN THIS BIG METROPOLITAN CITY, I ASKED HER TO SHARE AN APARTMENT WITH ME
AFTER HIGHSCHOOL WE BOTH WENT TO TOKYO TO CONTINUE OUR STUDIES BUT IN DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES
RINKO AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE BOTH IN HIGH-SCHOOL. THE TWO OF US WERE MANAGERS FOR THE BASEBALL CLUB
IN HIGHSCHOOL YOU REALLY WERE EVERYONE'S IDOL, KUMI
KYAAAH!!
OF COURSE WE ARE. BESIDES YOUR CHEST SIZE SEEMS TO HAVE GROWN A LOT IN THE LAST 3 YEARS!
HAH IT'S FINISHED THAT AGE WHEN WE USED TO BE FULL OF YOUTHFUL-NESS
JIWOOP MWOOP
HI!
ARE YOU SAYING WE ARE NO LONGER FULL OF YOUTH?

TCHIC
ESPECIALLY MASASHI, HE WOULDN'T STOP COMING ON TO YOU. DID YOU GO TO A HOTEL AFTER EATING?
HEY! THAT HURT ME!
THAT'S REVENGE FOR LAST NIGHT ALL THE BOYS HAD THEIR EYES ON YOU!
DON'T, DON'T SAY ANYTHING YOU KNOW THAT I...
AH YES, THAT IS TRUE
YOU ARE STILL IN LOVE WITH TAICHI
?!
IT WAS AROUND MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT SAITO MASASHI'S DEAD BODY WAS DISCOVERED, THE GREAT HOPE OF MEISEI UNIVERSITY'S BASEBALL CLUB

POLICE INVESTIGATORS ARE INVESTIGATING TWO LEADS ONE BEING THAT THE KILLER DIDN'T HAVE A MOTIVE AND THE OTHER BEING THAT IT WAS A HATE CRIME
ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS, MR SAITO WAS PROMISED AN EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL CAREER ON SECOND BASE
MASASHI WAS ASSASSIN-ATED?!
FUJISAKI TAICHI, A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT SEITO UNIVERSITY
I JUST SAW HIM AGAIN LAST NIGHT, HE WAS FINE THEN...
SEITO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT AND I CAN'T EVEN EXPLAIN TO YOU THE SHOCK KUMI HAD...

...
I STOPPED PLAYING BASEBALL
EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE YOU.
BY THE WAY, TAICHI WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE SOIRÉE?
YOU DON'T WANT TO MEET YOUR OLD TEAM MATES? FINE! DO WHAT YOU WANT!
WHEN WILL YOU STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT? IT WAS OVER THREE YEARS AGO...
KUZU
SHE IS STILL THINKING ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW...
BUT YOU COULD AT LEAST SEE KUMI FROM TIME TO TIME...
...
LEAVE ME ALONE!

CLUB ROOM, FOR KAIO UNIVERSITY'S BASEBALL CLUB
POOR MASASHI IT IS TOO STUPID
HE WAS SO TALENTED, HE WAS SURE TO BECOME A PRO.
IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE FROM HIS OWN CLUB WHO KILLED HIM, IT ISN'T THAT BIG A THING THAT THERE IS SOME JEALOUSY OR RESENTMENT
OUCH!
SWITCH
SWITCH
IT IS RARE TO SEE YOU SHAVE LIKE THAT. ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING TONIGHT, KATSUHISA?
...
EH? UH... YES...
DO YOU HAVE A DATE WITH KUMI?
EH?
DON'T PRETEND I SAW YOU ON THE TRAIN ASKING HER FOR HER ADDRESS AT THE LAST MEETING. YOU CAN BE STRAIGHT WITH ME...
EH... BUT... IT'S SURE THAT... YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HER AS WELL, NO?

I HAVE NO DELUSIONS; I KNOW VERY WELL THAT SHE WOULD NEVER BE INTERESTED IN A REPLACEMENT LIKE ME.
SO, SHE'S ALL YOURS.
AH HAH HAH!
IF IT'S THAT, THAT'S DISTURBING YOU, DON'T WORRY!
AAH! I DIDN'T BATHE YET!
NO HARD FEELINGS, MAN! HAVE FUN!
DAMN MINORU
WHAT CRAPPY WEATHER, THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY SAID IN THE WEATHER BROADCAST!
CLIC
BRRRWM
SHIT...
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?
BRRWM
HMM?

AH..!
SHIT.. THE BELT IS BROKEN..
NO WONDER IT'S NOT STARTING
!!
BUT HOW DID IT MANAGE TO GET CUT THIS CLEANLY?

WHAT WHAT THE...?!

!!
HEY, KUMI, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU. CAN YOU MEET ME TODAY?
KATSUHISA IS LATE...
HELLO? WHO AM I TALKING TO?
KZZ ZZ ...
HELLO, KATSUHISA?
BEEP BEEP
KZZZZ ...
HELLO?

BEEP
HELLO? WHO IS THIS? REPLY ALREADY!
...
AIHARA KUMI
KUSHINAMI TAKANODAI
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STRANGE
...
ああ
OH MY GOD! SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING ME!
AH!
HE... HELP!

KYAAAH!!
OUF...
I'M NEVER AT REST WHEN I'M GOING HOME ALONE AT NIGHT
OH, IT IS YOU MINORU DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
HUH!!
...
OUF
WHAT A SHOCK. IT REALLY IS STRANGE A KILLER IN HIS ENTOURAGE

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MEET EACH OTHER AGAIN, LIKE WHEN WE TOOK THIS PICTURE
...
BY THE WAY HOW DID YOU GET MY ADDRESS?
RINKO GAVE IT TO ME LAST NIGHT
コポコポ
HERE'S YOUR GLASS
OH, OK
RINKO SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG IN HER RETURN
WHAT A STRAGGLER THIS ONE...
EVERY NIGHT SHE GOES OUT WITH FRIENDS FROM HER UNIVERSITY

CLICK
SWAP
...
SLAP
IT IS AS IF SHE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT THE ROADS ARE DANGEROUS... ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THERE IS A PSYCHOPATH OUT THERE...
WHY DON'T YOU WANT ME KUMI?
KYAA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU...
EH?

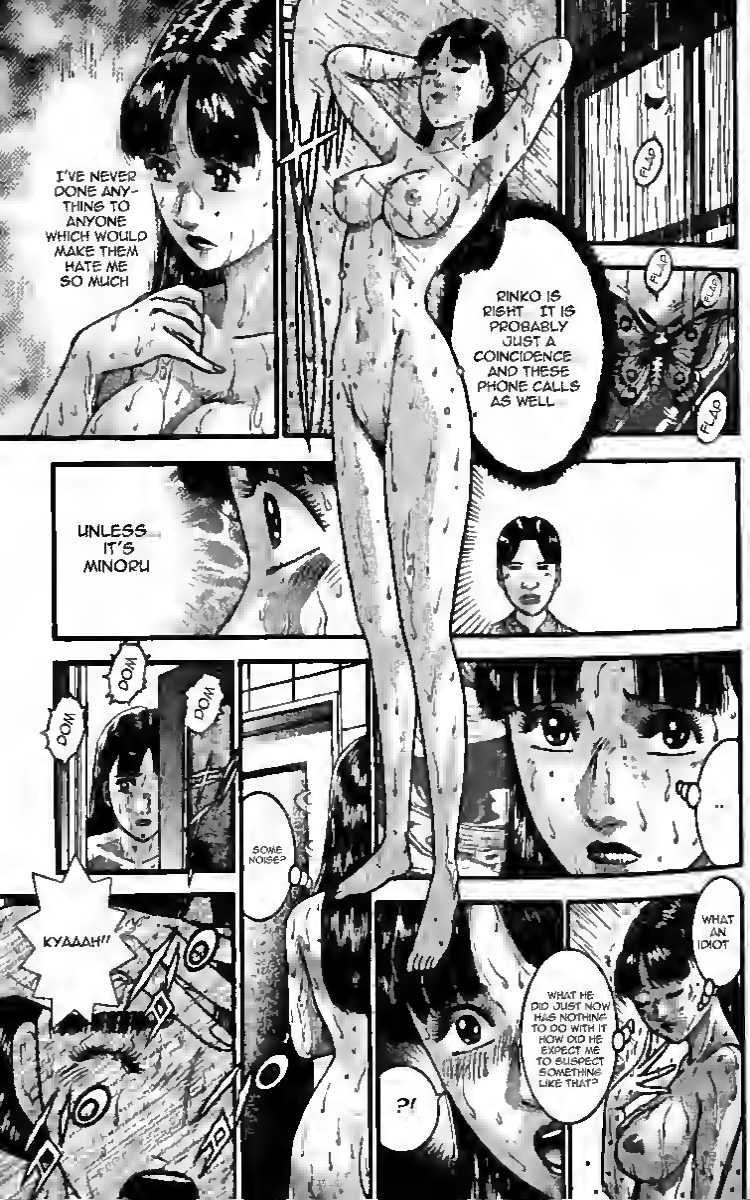
STOP IT NOW! THAT IS ENOUGH! LEAVE ME ALONE!
HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO TALK TO ME BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP!
I'M NOT GOING OUT WITH HIM! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHY DID YOU ACCEPT GOING OUT WITH KATSUHISA BUT NOT WITH ME?!
HAA
HAA
HAA
IT'S USELESS TO SHOUT, YOUR NEIGHBOURS WILL PRETEND THAT THEY HEARD NOTHING
YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ONLY THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES, THE REST JUST DON'T GIVE A SHIT
EVEN YOU KUMI, YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT MY FEELINGS AT ALL!
YOU PRETENDED THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE
STOP!
HAA!
HAA!
OUCH!

THE MUTILATED CORPSE OF ODA KATSUHISA, MEMBER OF KAIO UNIVERSITY'S BASEBALL TEAM, WAS FOUND EARLY IN THE NIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT NEAR THE BASEBALL CLUB.
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS...
IT'S SCARY
AFTER THE TESTIMONY OF HIS TEAMMATE WHO DISCOVERED THE BODY...
WHAT?!
KATSUHISA IT'S NOT TRUE..
IT'S NOT TRUE! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
HE WAS KILLED AS WELL?!

MINORU?
AFTER MASASHI, KATSUHISA...
THIS IS JUST A COINCIDENCE BUT... IT MAKES MY BACK COLD.
RING RING
...
HELLO?
HELLO? WHO IS THIS?
RING RING..
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
?!

HAA!
NOBODY
...
RING
RING
...
THIS SHOULD BETTER STOP, RIGHT NOW!!
WHO IS THIS?
RING RING...
AH!

KATSUHISA WAS KILLED?!
HUH?
EI... RINKO...
I... I'M AFRAID! COME BACK FAST!
WHAT IS HAPPENING KUMI?
NO ONE HAS ANY REASON TO KILL US, UNDERSTAND?
DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO SCARE ME...
MAYBE WE'LL WE'LL...
TWO OF OUR FRIENDS WERE KILLED ONE AFTER THE OTHER! IT'S TOO STRANGE!
IT IS PROBABLY JUST A KID HAVING FUN IF HE CALLS YOU AGAIN, JUST SHOUT AT HIM A BIT
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE BACK SOON
OK...
BUT... I KEPT RECEIVING THIS WEIRD TELEPHONE CALL AND
IF THEY WERE BOTH KILLED ON THE SAME DAY, IT IS NOTHING BUT COINCIDENCE NOTHING MORE
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAS PRANK-CALLED YOU ON THE TELEPHONE, IS IT?
CLAC
CLAC


I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO ANYONE WHICH WOULD MAKE THEM HATE ME SO MUCH
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
RINKO IS RIGHT IT IS PROBABLY JUST A COINCIDENCE AND THESE PHONE CALLS AS WELL
UNLESS IT'S MINORU
DOM
DOM
DOM
SOME NOISE?
KYAAAH!!
..
WHAT AN IDIOT
WHAT HE DID JUST NOW HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT HOW DID HE EXPECT ME TO SUSPECT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
?!

RING RING...
FLAP
FLAP
OUF!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
RING RING...
ドキ ドキ ドキ
HELLO? THAT IS ENOUGH, STOP NOW!
...

EH, SO?! ARE YOU GOING TO SAY SOME-THING?
DOES THIS AMUSE YOU?!
IF THIS IS ALL YOU NEED TO SATISFY YOUR EGO, THEN I PITY YOU!
POOR DERANGED PERSON! PATHETIC!

ALL YOU CAN DO IS HIDE BEHIND A TELEPHONE AND SCARE PEOPLE!!

ZAAAAA
ZAAAAAA
WELL, I DON'T FEEL VERY RELIEVED, BUT I GAVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
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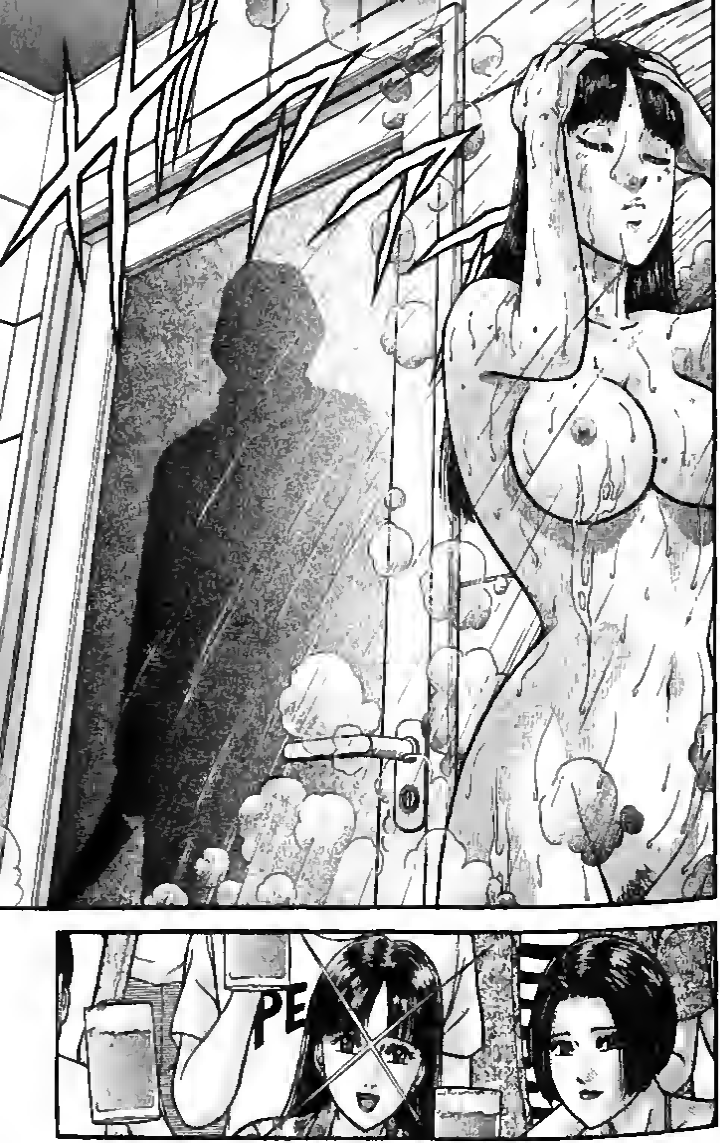

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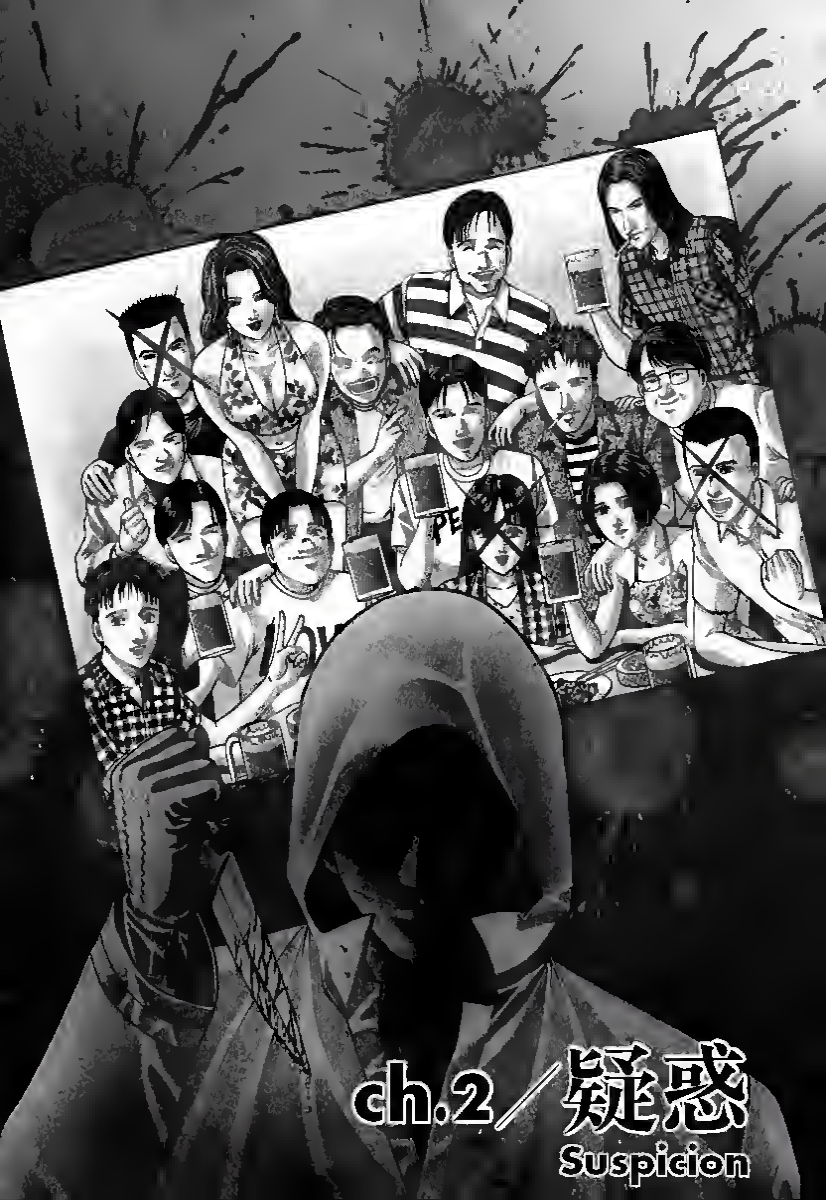

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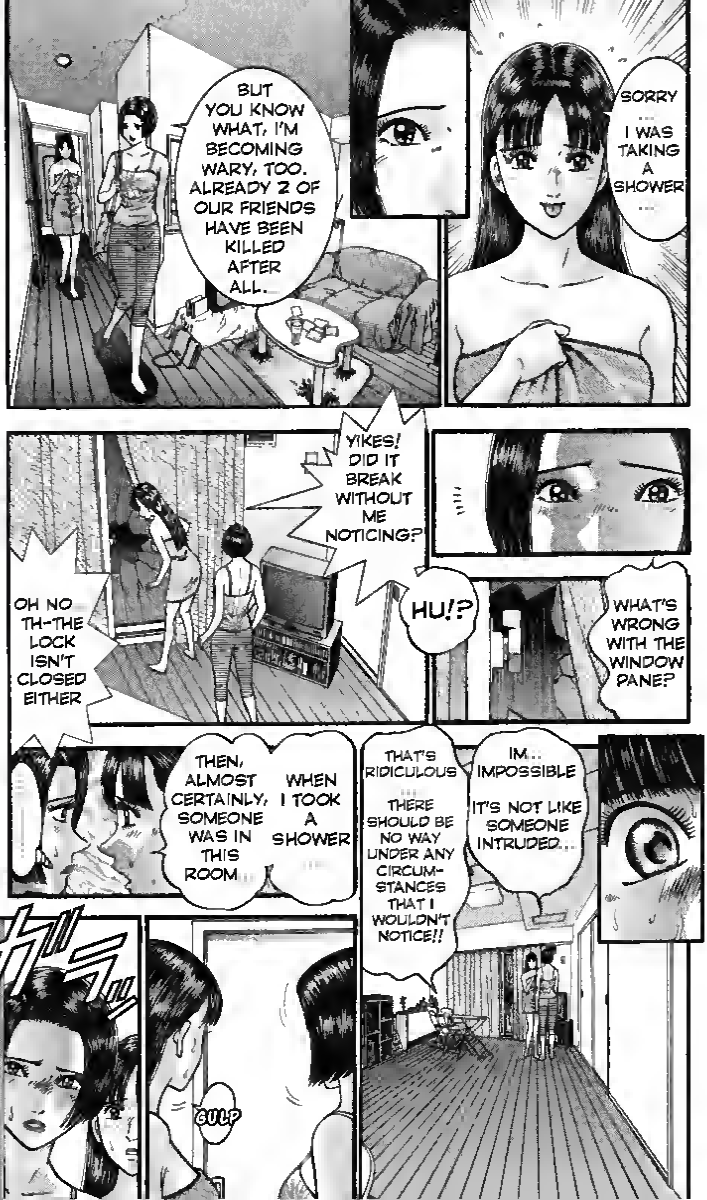
Suspicion

SST
CLACK
KNACK
FFWSH
Hu?
GLTANG
!!
PUSH
KUMIII, OPEN UUUP
I... I CAN'T WAIT FOR A MOMENT, I'LL OPEN FOR YOU IMMEDIATELY, OKAY?
OH COME ON, YOU'VE EVEN PURPOSELY LOCKED THE DOOR CHAIN
FWSH

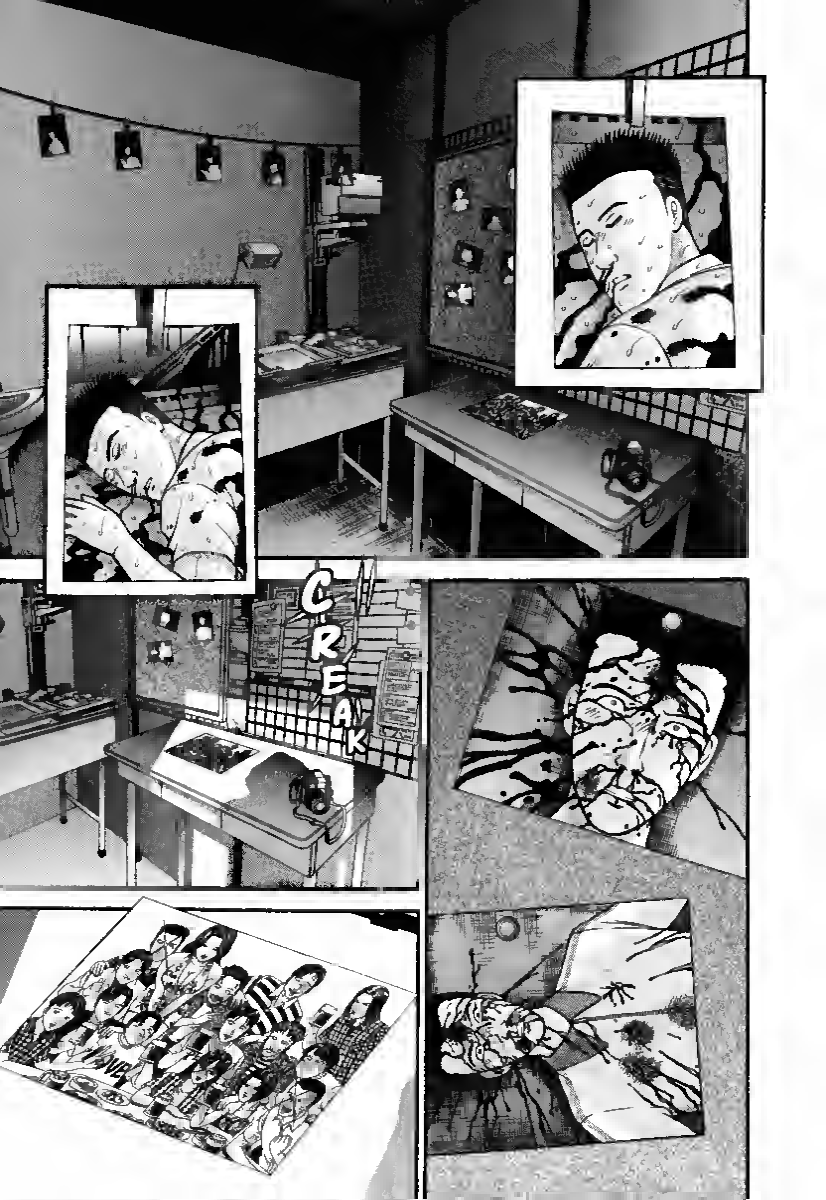
203
SLAM
YOU'RE REALLY TOO PRONE TO WORRYING, AREN'T YOU?
RUB
RUB
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
RATTLE
HEY THEEERE~ WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EVEN IF YOU'RE CAUTIOUS, THERE ARE SOME LIMITS TO IT!


BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M BECOMING WARY, TOO. ALREADY 2 OF OUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN KILLED AFTER ALL..
SORRY ... I WAS TAKING A SHOWER ...
YIKES! DID IT BREAK WITHOUT ME NOTICING?
OH NO TH-THE LOCK ISN'T CLOSED EITHER
HU!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WINDOW PANE?
THEN, ALMOST CERTAINLY, SOMEONE WAS IN THIS ROOM...
WHEN I TOOK A SHOWER
THAT'S RIDICULOUS ... THERE SHOULD BE NO WAY UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES THAT I WOULDN'T NOTICE!!
IM... IMPOSSIBLE
IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEONE INTRUDED...
ガラッ
GULP

KYA!
IT'S JUST YOUR OWN SHADOW!
WHAT'S STARTLING YOU?
PERHAPS INSIDE THE CLOSET?
THERE'S NOTHING YOU'RE WELCOME TO CHECK IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES
W-WHAT ABOUT YOUR ROOM?
NOW LISTEN... THIS IS THE SECOND FLOOR. IT SHOULDN'T BE EASY TO INTRUDE HERE, SHOULD IT?
SEE? THERE'S NO ONE HERE RELIEVED NOW?
BUT... WHY WAS THE LOCK ...?
MAYBE IT WASN'T CLOSED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

BEEP
SO... WHAT DID THE POLICE SAY?
THAT THEY'LL INTENSIFY THEIR SEARCH EFFORTS
THE POLICE WON'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL AFTER SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED
DO WE NEED TO DEFEND OUR BODIES WITH OUR OWN HANDS IN THE END!?
DON'T MAKE SUCH A FACE!
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT! I WAS ONLY JOKING! PROBABLY BUMPED MY HEAD AGAINST A STONE OR SOMETHING

!?
.....
CAN'T YOU SLEEP?
I JUST COULDN'T HELP TO REMEMBER SAITO-KUN AND OOTA-KUN... YOU KNOW... BUT NOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET THEM ANYMORE, FOR ALL ETERNITY
EVEN THOUGH UP UNTIL NOW I THOUGHT THEY WERE THINGS THAT HAPPEN ONLY IN TELEVISION DRAMAS OR NEWS STORIES
EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT THINGS LIKE MURDER WERE JUST OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS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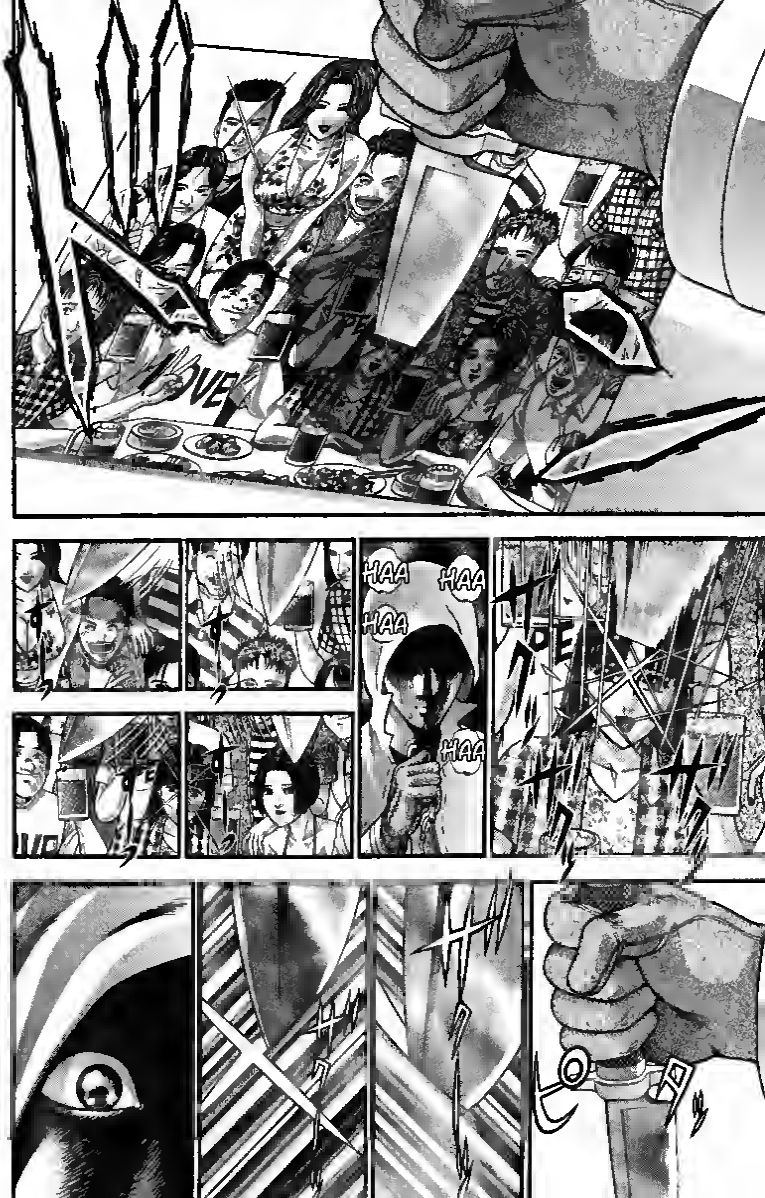
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SLIDE
CLATTER
POKE
BASED ON KUMI'S PERSONALITY, I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD FORGET TO CLOSE THAT LOCK
GULP
IM... IMPOSSIBLE
JUST AS KUMI SAID
SHSH
SOMEONE WAS IN THIS ROOM...
TAP
TAP
TAP
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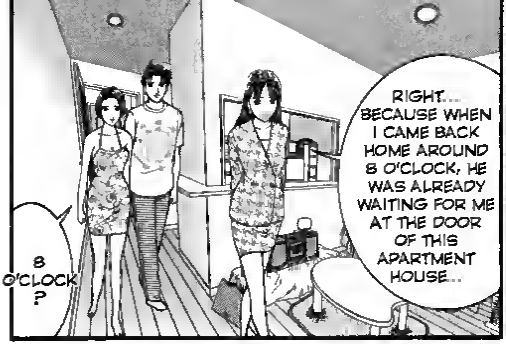
CAN'T BE HELPED THEN CUTTING LECTURES AGAIN
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WELL, WE DIDN'T SEE HIM TODAY...
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT FUJI-SAKI-KUN?
THAT'S NOT IT, I HAVE A REQUEST!
ABOUT KUMI AGAIN? CAN'T YOU STOP BEING SO DAMN MEDDLE-SOME ALREADY?
I WANT TO HAVE AN EARNEST TALK WITH YOU FOR A MOMENT
Y-YESSIR.!
KAIOH UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CLUB TRAINING GROUND
BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO OOTA... BEGINNING WITH THE LEAGUE'S FALL SEASON, YOU'LL BE PART OF OUR TEAM'S STARTING LINEUP
DESPITE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR MOURNING FOR HIM, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST

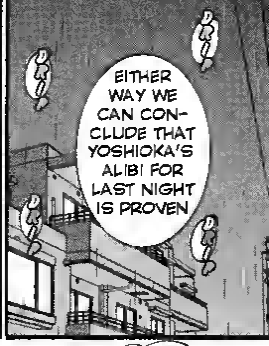
警視庁
TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT.
YOU'RE YOSHIOKA-KUN, RIGHT?
GRIN
!!
F-FUJISAKI-KUN
HU?
HU? WHAT—?
KUMI YOU SHOULD ASK HIM, TOO
YO!

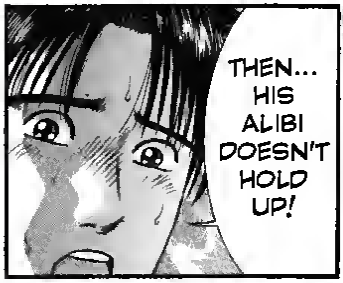
THAT'S BECAUSE WE SUFFERED FROM PRANK CALLS AND EVEN OUR WINDOW GLASS WAS BROKEN! IT'S REASSURING TO HAVE A MAN STAY OVER AT SUCH A TIME, NOW ISN'T IT?
TH-THAT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS!! YOU'RE JUST THINKING TOO MUCH IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE BEING TARGETED BY SOMEONE!
I REQUESTED OF HIM TO STAY FROM THIS NIGHT ONWARDS AT OUR PLACE FOR A WHILE IN ORDER TO ACT AS OUR BODYGUARD, BUT I DIDN'T GET A POSITIVE REPLY FROM HIM
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PROTECTIVE FEELINGS FOR KUMI, WHO HAS BECOME SO DISTRAUGHT?
I AM PERFECTLY FINE!
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR FORMER SWEETHEART
GRMBL
DID YOU SUDDENLY TRANSFORM INTO A FRAIL WOMAN JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT BECAME OF SAITO-KUN AND OOTA-KUN?
RINKO, SAYING SUCH THINGS IS...
I HAVE MISJUGDED YOU!! EVEN THOUGH YOU USED TO BE THE ACE OF THE 4TH TEAM IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND THE MOST RELIABLE PERSON AROUND, YOU'RE OBSESSING ENDLESSLY OVER THAT EVENT BACK THEN
PLEASE STOP TALKING ABOUT BASEBALL ALREADY...
YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS, CAN YOU?

AHAHAHAHA!
SI～LENCE
BEEP
LET... LET'S WATCH SOME TELE-VISION OKAY?
KNOCK KNOCK
GASP
SINCE THE VICTIMS OF THE 2 CASES WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF A BASE BALL CLUB, AND FURTHER MORE THE MURDER WEAPONS WERE A METAL BAT AND A SICKLE FOR GROUNDSKEEPING RESPECTIVELY, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MURDER CASES IS REGARDED AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT....
NOW FOR A FOLLOW UP REPORT ON THE RECENT STRING OF MURDER CASES THAT HAVE OCCURRED
WHEN THE INVESTI-GATOR CAME TO ME, HE WANTED ME TO GIVE HIM PROOF THAT I WAS STAYING HERE DURING THE TIME OF OOTA-KUN'S MURDER YESTERDAY
HU!?
KUMI-CHAN... PLEASE CONFIRM MY ALIBI!
HAA
HAA
Y.. YOSHI-OKA-KUN!?

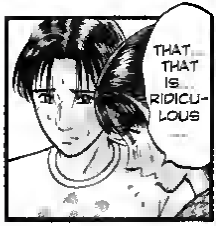
ALIBI, YOU SAY... HOLD ON, ARE YOU UNDER SUSPICION FOR THE LAST INCIDENT?
FU-FUJISAKI ...
YOSHIOKA ... YOU CAME HERE YESTER-DAY?
KUMI... WHY DID YOU KEEP SILENT ABOUT YOSHIOKA-KUN COMING HERE LAST NIGHT?
UH... WELL... THE TRUTH IS...
A-ANYWAY... I'M COUNTING ON YOU, KUMI-CHAN!
SLAM
THEN MAYBE HE MIGHT'VE BEEN THE CRIMINAL WHO BROKE THE WINDOW PANE
GETTING REVENGE ON YOU FOR DUMPING HIM
AND RIGHT AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE NEWS AIRED ON TV THAT OOTA-KUN HAD BEEN KILLED, HE LEFT WITH-OUT A WORD...
THIS... THIS GUY... DOING SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
EH!? YOSHIOKA-KUN FORCIBLY PUSHED YOU DOWN ...?
YEAH... BUT I ALSO RESISTED HIM FRANTICALLY... SO NOTHING REALLY HAPPENED...


8 O'CLOCK?
RIGHT... BECAUSE WHEN I CAME BACK HOME AROUND 8 O'CLOCK, HE WAS ALREADY WAITING FOR ME AT THE DOOR OF THIS APARTMENT HOUSE...


EITHER WAY WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT YOSHIOKA'S ALIBI FOR LAST NIGHT IS PROVEN


THEN... HIS ALIBI DOESN'T HOLD UP!

WAIT A MINUTE! I'M PRETTY CERTAIN THEY SAID ON THE NEWS THAT THE CRIME HAD TAKEN PLACE SOME TIME BETWEEN 6 AND 7 O'CLOCK!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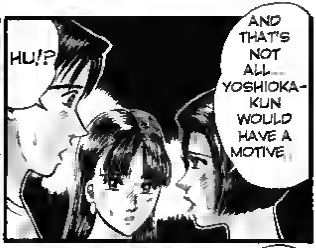
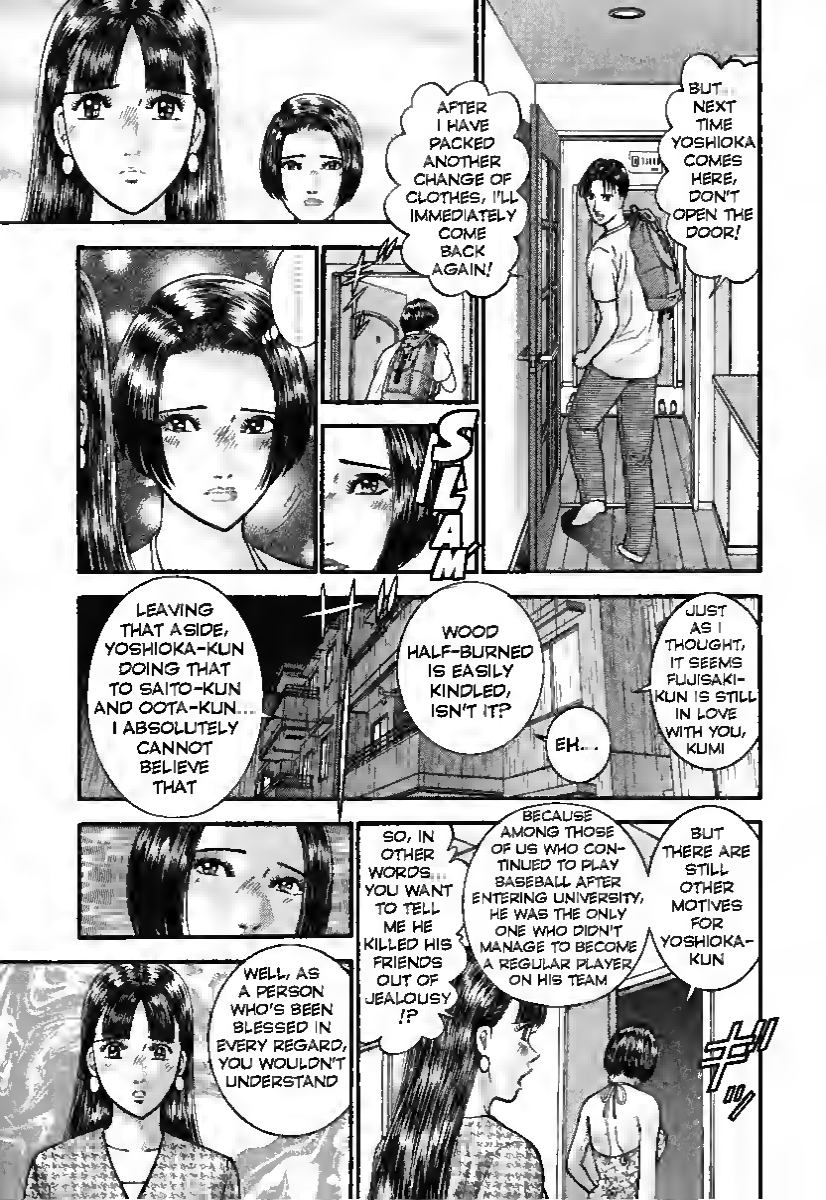

HU!?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL... YOSHIOKA-KUN WOULD HAVE A MOTIVE

KUMI... I DON'T WANT TO DISTRUST OUR FRIEND EITHER...

I WONDER IF THOSE 2 GUYS WEREN'T JUST A HINDRANCE IN THE EYES OF YOSHIOKA-KUN
THE MURDERED SAITO-KUN AND OOTA-KUN BOTH HAD BEEN IN LOVE WITH KUMI...


BUT... NEXT TIME YOSHIOKA COMES HERE, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR!
AFTER I HAVE PACKED ANOTHER CHANGE OF CLOTHES, I'LL IMMEDIATELY COME BACK AGAIN!
SLAM!
JUST AS I THOUGHT, IT SEEMS FUJISAKI-KUN IS STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU, KUMI
EH...
WOOD HALF-BURNED IS EASILY KINDLED, ISN'T IT?
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, YOSHIOKA-KUN DOING THAT TO SAITO-KUN AND OOTA-KUN... I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BELIEVE THAT
BUT THERE ARE STILL OTHER MOTIVES FOR YOSHIOKA-KUN
BECAUSE AMONG THOSE OF US WHO CONTINUED TO PLAY BASEBALL AFTER ENTERING UNIVERSITY, HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T MANAGE TO BECOME A REGULAR PLAYER ON HIS TEAM
SO, IN OTHER WORDS... YOU WANT TO TELL ME HE KILLED HIS FRIENDS OUT OF JEALOUSY!?
WELL, AS A PERSON WHO'S BEEN BLESSED IN EVERY REGARD, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND

YOU ARE PART OF THOSE HUMANS OTHERS ARE JEALOUS OF, KUMI, AREN'T I RIGHT?
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
KAIOH UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CLUB INDOOR TRAINING GROUND
FINALLY I'VE OBTAINED THE POSITION OF A REGULAR PLAYER!
AND I WON'T EVER HAND IT OVER TO ANYONE!!
UOOH

ふっ
FLICK
HUF
HUF
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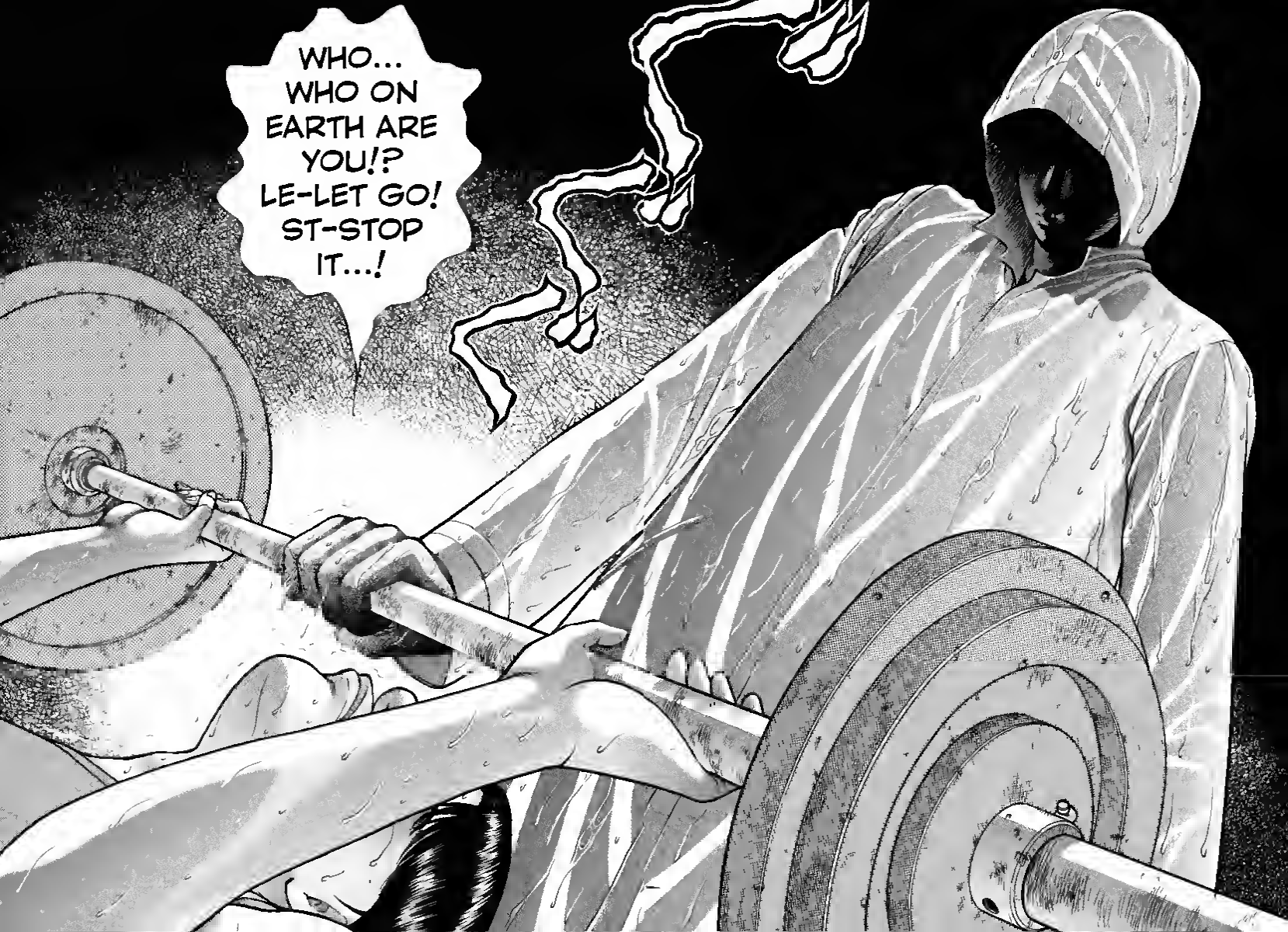
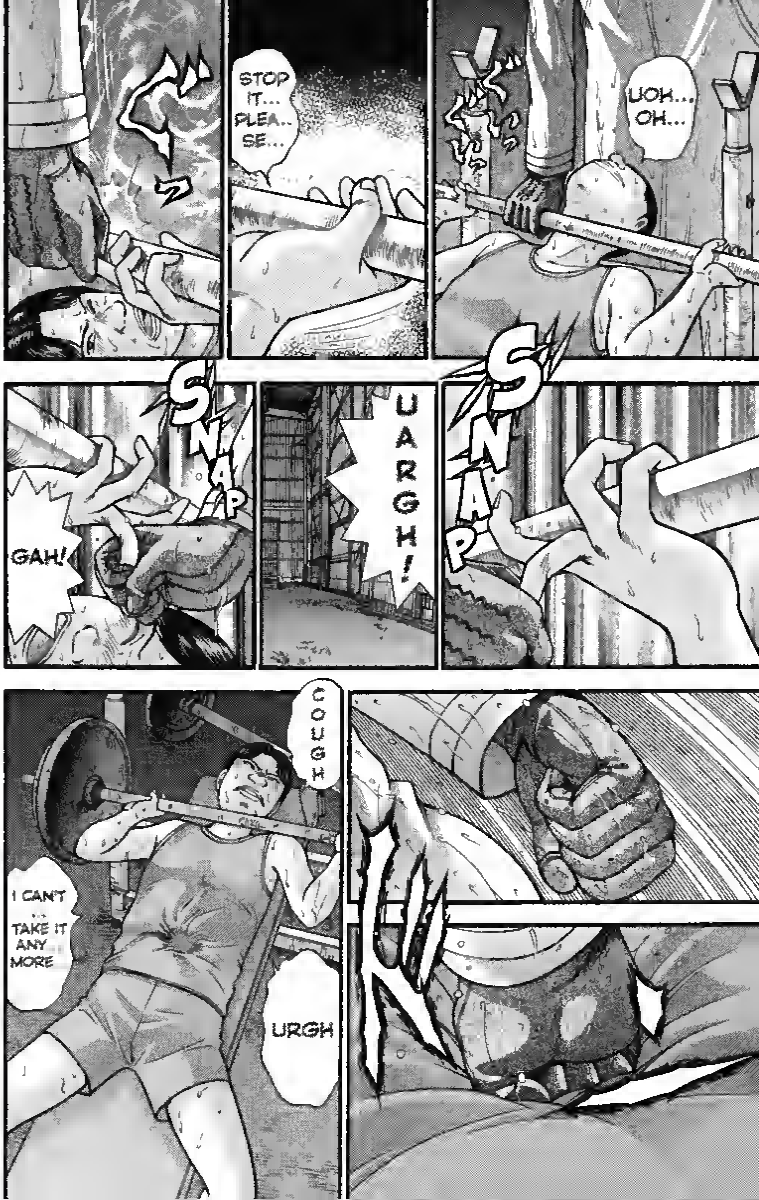
HUF
HEY HEY, I'M STILL TRAINING, MAN! JUST WHO SWITCHED THE LIGHT OFF...?
HU!?


WHO... WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU!? LE-LET GO! ST-STOP IT...!


STOP IT... PLEA... SE...
UOH... OH...
SNAP
GAH!
UARGH!
SNAP
COUGH
I CAN'T ... TAKE IT ANY MORE
URGH

FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH

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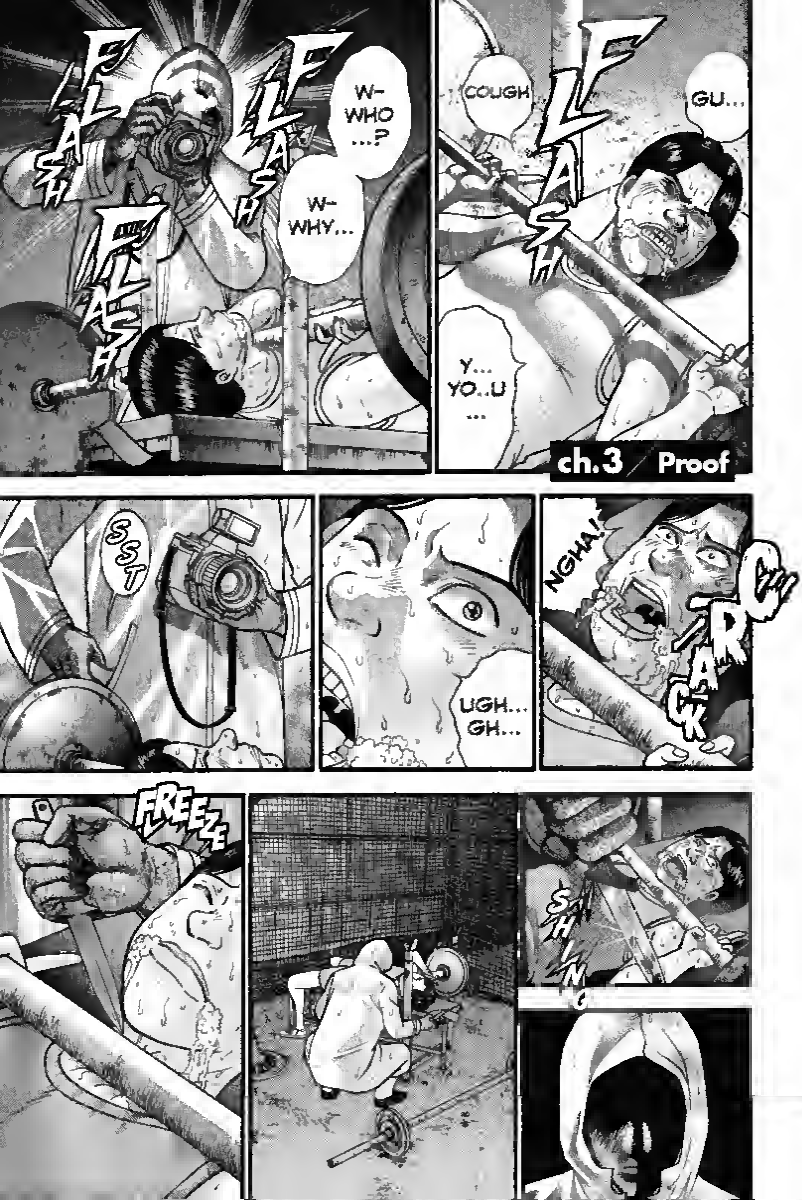
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W-WHY...
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NGHA!
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FREEZE
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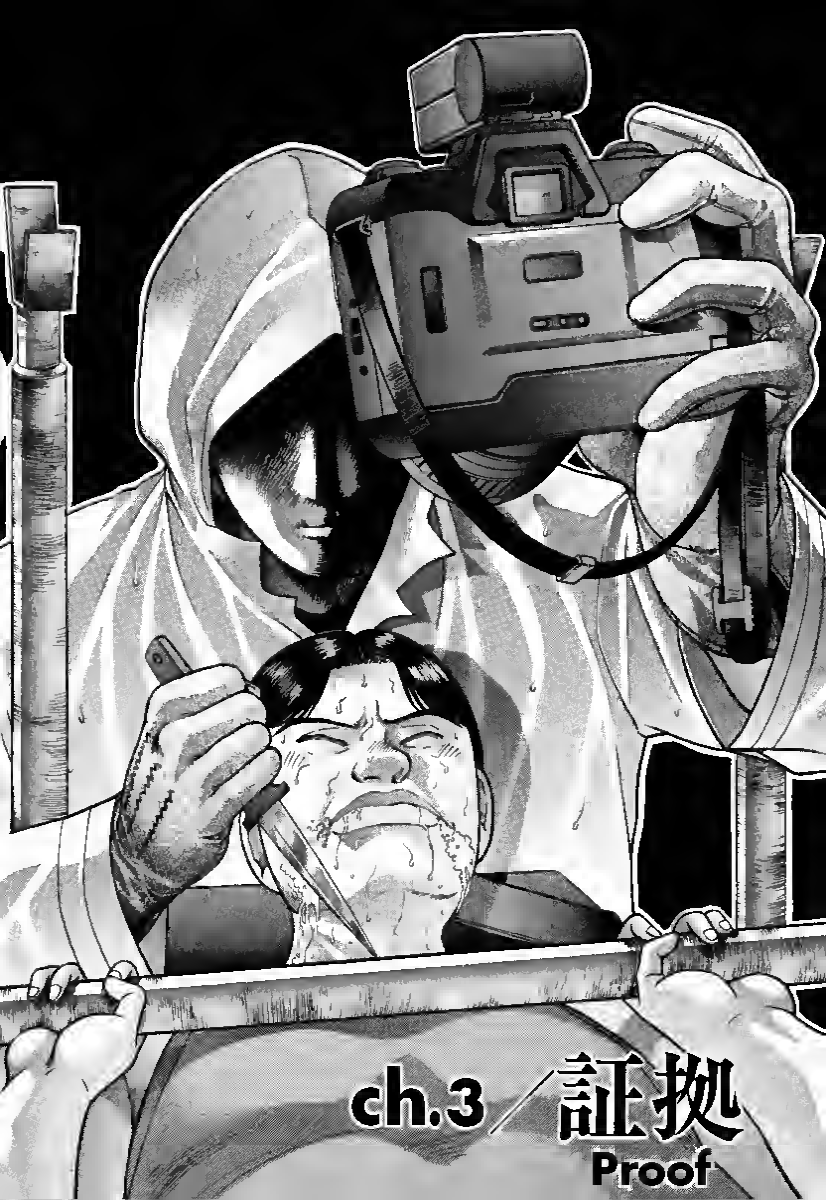

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FLASH
CLACK
ZZZT
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
DASH
!!
HEEEEY
ARE YOU NOT HERE, YOSHIOKA ?
TUMBLE

YOSHI-OKA!?
LIGHT
YOSHI-OKA, ARE YOU OKAY?
HH!
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!! QUICK, GET THAT BARBELL OFF HIM!
HAA
HAA
HAA
!!

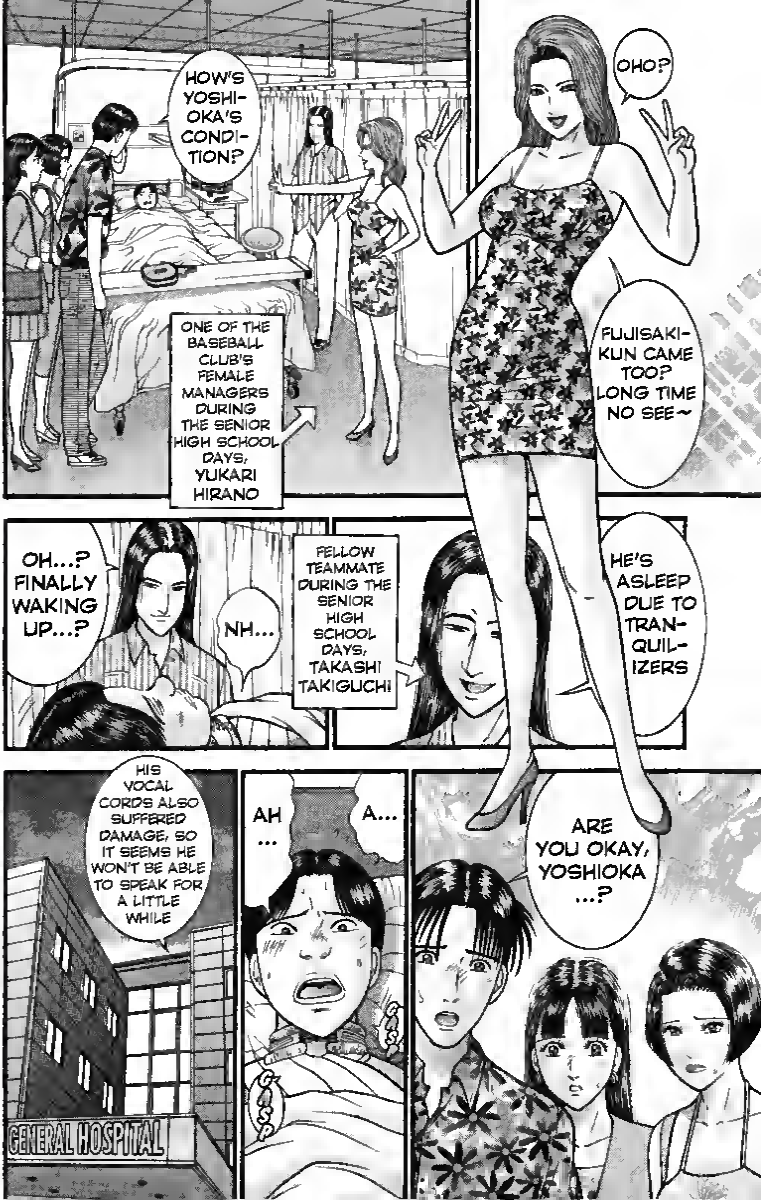
HAA
HAA
INSIDE THIS... IS THE FACE OF THE KILLER
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
H-HEY, YOU'D BETTER NOT MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH, MAN
THE AMBU-LANCE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY
WHEE-OOO
WHEE-OOO
WHEE-OOO
HA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA

HAAA
HAAA
YOU SURE TOOK YOUR TIME
HAA
WHEN I DECIDED TO PACK ANOTHER CHANGE OF CLOTHES, I ACTUALLY HADN'T DONE MY LAUNDRY... SO I WENT TO BUY NEW UNDER-WEAR
BY THE WAY, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE AROUND AS OUR BODY-GUARD?
FOR A WEEK...? FOR A MONTH...?

COUGH COUGH
WHISPER WHISPER
WELL, KUMI... YOU HAVE TO HURRY TO SNATCH FUJISAKI-KUN, AS YOU SEE
YOSHIOKA WILL PROBABLY GET ARRESTED IN NO TIME!
WELL, AT LEAST UNTIL... THE BASTARD WHO KILLED SAITO AND OOTA HAS BEEN CAUGHT, I'D SAY
HU!?
WELL THEN, SINCE I'M THE THIRD WHEEL HERE I THINK I'LL GET SOME SLEEP
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT HE'S GOT A MOTIVE, DOESN'T HE?
BESIDES, YOU SHOULDN'T JUST ARBITRARILY DECIDE ON YOUR OWN WHETHER IT'S THE CASE THAT YOSHIOKA IS THE CULPRIT
WH... JUST WHAT ARE THINKING! JEEZ!
NOT TO MENTION THAT IT'S NOT AS THOUGH YOU BROKE UP BECAUSE YOU GREW TO DISLIKE EACH OTHER. GOOD NIGHT, THEN!~
WHAT IS IT...? DON'T BE SHY! AREN'T YOU TWO SUPPOSED TO BE FORMER LOVERS?
SLAM
.....
R-RINKO ...
FUJISAKI-KUN... MAKE SURE YOU STAY NEAR KUMI ALL NIGHT LONG TODAY, ALRIGHT?

JOLT
H-HAVING SUCH A DREAM...

SIZZLE
SCRATCH SCRATCH
PEEP PEEP PEEP PEEP
HELLOOO? OH, IT'S YOU, YUKARI...
YO-SHI-OKA WAS ...!?
HU !?
WE'RE THERE ...
TOKYO METROPOLITAN GENERAL HOSPITAL


HOW'S YOSHI-OKA'S CONDI-TION?
ONE OF THE BASEBALL CLUB'S FEMALE MANAGERS DURING THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS, YUKARI HIRANO
OHO?
FUJISAKI-KUN CAME TOO? LONG TIME NO SEE~
OH...? FINALLY WAKING UP...?
NH...
FELLOW TEAMMATE DURING THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS, TAKASHI TAKIGUCHI
HE'S ASLEEP DUE TO TRAN-QUIL-IZERS
HIS VOCAL CORDS ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE, SO IT SEEMS HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEAK FOR A LITTLE WHILE
GENERAL HOSPITAL
AH...
A...
ARE YOU OKAY, YOSHIOKA...?

AH... AH...
THAT'S WRONG, IT WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT !!
YOU WERE PRETTY LUCKY THAT THIS ACCIDENT ONLY LEFT YOU WITH FRACTURES OF YOUR FINGERS AND COLLAR-BONE
BUT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE BENCH-PRESSING ALL BY YOUR LONESOME ALMOST AMOUNTS TO SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR, MAN!
!!
!?
HAA HAA
CRUSH
SAY WHAAAT? YOU TWO ARE LIVING TOGETHER WITH FUJISAKI-KUN? WHY IS THAT?
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
WHAT IS IT, YOSHI-OKA...? IS THERE SOME-THING YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
!!
JUST LIKE SAITO AND OOTA, I WAS...
THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE AN ACCI-DENT!

FUJI-SAKI...
PLEASE HURRY UP AND TELL EVERYONE OF THAT NOTE!!
FUJI-SAKI ?
WHY ARE YOU KEEPING QUIET? YOUR FRIEND HAS BEEN TARGETED, DAMNIT!!
FUJISAKI-KUN, YOU MEEEANIE! BECOME A BODYGUARD FOR ME, TOO!
!!
THAT'S RIGHT, ON THIS FILM IS THE KILLER'S FACE...
24 100
SUPER
THAT'S NO COINCI-DENCE, MY FRIENDS AND ME HAVE BEEN TARGETED ONE AFTER ANOTHER
SAITO AND THEN OOTA GOT KILLED, AND NOW, THIS TIME, I'LL BE...
EH? C'MON, DON'T KYA
UH!? WAIT A MINUTE... WHY HAVE ONLY FROM OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS... COULD IT BE... THAT THE CULPRIT IS AMONG US!?
I WAS UNEXPECT-EDLY SAVED. HOWEVER... WITHOUT A DOUBT SOME-ONE FROM OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS WILL BE THE NEXT VICTIM...

DEAR VISITORS, PLEASE QUIET DOWN
THERE'S A BED-RIDDEN, SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENT NEXT TO YOU
WELL THEN I GUESS WE SHOULD GET GOING FOR NOW
YOSHI-OKA, WE'LL VISIT AGAIN, OKAY?
LEAVING US BEHIND TO GO DRINKING WITH YUKARI... SHE'S TOO OBVIOUS...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... JUST BECAUSE THE TWO OF US ARE ALL ALONE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN
RINKO'S UNBELIEV-ABLE CHANGING HER MIND SO UN-NECES-SARILY...
PEEK

I JUST WANT A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR MYSELF AFTER ALL
WOULD YOU LEND ME THE KEY...?
I'LL GO OUT FOR A MOMENT
HU... NOW AFTER LUNCH? IT'S EVEN RAINING OUTSIDE, YOU KNOW...
DON'T WORRY! I'LL RETURN AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
SLAM!
RING RING RING
TUMP
RING RING RING
WAIT A MINUTE ... RINKO ... HELLO ...?
TOOOOT
LISTEN, SINCE YUKARI IS LETTING ME SPEND THE NIGHT AT HER PLACE,
MAKE DAMN WELL SURE TO GET YOUR MAN!
OH MY... IT'S YOU, RINKO? I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER PRANK CALL...
PHEW

UH
UH
FLASH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
GOOD GRIEF! MY AID JUST KEEPS BURNING UP. IF I DIDN'T SET THE TABLE FOR EVERYTHING, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO A THING, THE TWO OF 'EM
STAB
YOU'RE TRYING THE IMPOSSIBLE
PUHA
JUST A DREAM
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
!!
TH-THIS CAN'T BE....
STOP
TAP
HU!?
TAP
TAP

YOSHI-OKA-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY ...?
IF YOU FEEL ANY PAIN, CALL FOR US NURSES BY PUSHING THAT BUTTON
PHEW
WHAT AM I EVEN SCARED OF? THIS IS A HOSPITAL AFTER ALL! HAHAHA
SWISH
TAP
TAP
BUT.. TO-NIGHT
SQUEEZE
WE'RE PRETTY SILLY, AREN'T WE? TO DEVELOP SUCH FEELINGS
FWAP

SOME-
THING
MIGHT
HAPPEN
...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HU!?
THAT
BED-RIDDEN,
CRITICALLY
ILL PATIENT
SHOULD...
HU
!!?

SLASH

STAB
STAB
STAB

NOW HOLD ON, YUKARI, YOU'RE SAYING TOO MUCH, YOU SHOULD STOP DRINKING ALREADY!!
AREN'T YOU SURPRISINGLY MODEST!! YOU'RE ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT BEING CLOSE TO EVERYBODY'S DARLING KUMI, WHO'S PLAYING THE GOOD 'N CUTE GIRL AND ALWAYS HOGGING THE MEN'S ATTENTION FOR HERSELF!
CLOSE FRIENDS SHOULDN'T BETRAY EACH OTHER!! BESIDES, I DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF TO STEAL HIM
HU!!
EH? DIDN'T I GIVE YOU A PACK ALREADY?
SEEMS LIKE I'VE RUN OUT OF CIGARETTES... DO YOU HAVE A SMOKE?
HIC
RUSTLE
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
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SUPE
FILM FOR COLOR PRINTS
PROCESS
CN-16 C-41

ROLL ROLL
100 SUPER
Okay Okay Okay
NICOTINE NICOTINE NICOTINE NICOTINE
WHAT'S THIS FILM?
WHY WAS IT INSIDE MY HAND-BAG?
CULPRIT
KA-GHANG
GLACK
SLAM
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
HE HAS FINALLY COME BACK...

SOME-
THING
REALLY IS
GOING TO
HAPPEN
TONIGHT
IT SEEMS...
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~ANNOTATIONS~

Regarding the last page Due to the nature of the Japanese language, the short note scribbled on Taichi Fujisaki's hand is pretty ambiguous Yoshioka just wanted to convey that he him self had been targeted by the serial killer, of course But taken out of the original context, it could also very well be understood as "*You* will be killed" (as in "You, *Kuma*"), for example Translating「ころされる」as "Getting killed" is my hapless attempt at capturing that ambiguity

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